



## Millard Vernon Young Jr.

September 15, 1934 - July 20, 2020

Millard V. Young, Jr. passed away at his home on the afternoon of Monday, July 20, 2020. He was born on September 15, 1934 in Lineville, Alabama to M.V. Young, Sr. and Ruth German Young. In 1941, his family moved to Piedmont, Alabama where his father founded a private-brand service station and farm fuel supply business. Millard graduated from Piedmont High School in 1952 and from Jacksonville State University in 1956. He was known for his affinity for antique cars, and aside from his many Antique Car Show awards, he was an integral advocate for the Antique Auto Tag Law in the State of Alabama. He was a member of the Piedmont Church of Christ, member and past president of Lozahatchee Masonic Lodge No. 97 - of which he was a 50 year member - and member of Zamora Shrine Temple since 1962.

Millard married Paula Ann Sanford on August 15, 1953 and together they celebrated 66 years of marriage. He is survived by Ann and their four children: Pam Young, Karen Kisor (Jeff), Vernon Young (Scarlett), and Brian Young (Jennifer). They have eight grandchildren: M.V. Young (Christa), P.J. Hammett Floyd (Steven), A.J. Young (Caitlin), Daniel Hammett (Morgan), Adam Hammett (Emily), Davis Young, Emily Kisor, Hayden Young, and his Australian Shepherd, Deli.

He is also survived by his brother Louis Young (Linda) and sister Martha Young Norton, sisters-in-law Jane Sanford Gowens and Carol Sanford, along with several nieces and nephews. He has been cared for by wonderful care givers, for which we are forever grateful.

Millard guided his family business, Young Oil, Inc. since March 31, 1969. He served as President of Young Oil, Inc. until becoming CEO in 2002. Since its founding in 1969, Young Oil, Inc. has grown into a local leader in the petroleum industry. Its current operations include the Grub Mart convenience stores and a wholesale division that supplies petroleum products to businesses throughout Alabama.

Millard was a leader in our community and proudly served in these various organizations:

- Piedmont Chamber of Commerce, Member
- Independent Oil Men's Association of Alabama, President
- Farmers and Merchants Bank, Piedmont, Alabama, Director
- Piedmont City School Board, Member
- Board of Directors of the International House, Jacksonville State University, Member
- Foundation Board, Jacksonville State University, Member
- Piedmont Booster Club, Member
- Model A Restorers Club of Alabama, Member and Co-Founder
- Antique Auto Club of America, Member
- Piedmont Jaycees, President
- Jacksonville State University Alumni Association, Member
- Southeastern Independent Oil Men's Association, President
- Society of Independent Gasoline Marketers of America, Member
- Industrial Board of the City of Piedmont, Member
- 2003 Alumnus of the Year Jacksonville State University
- 2012 Piedmont's Citizen of the Year
- 2016 Petroleum and Convenience Marketing Hall of Fame

Millard, who was known as O'Pa to many, will be greatly missed and was deeply loved. For those who wish to pay their respects, there will be a visitation at Thompson Funeral Home (Piedmont, AL) on Thursday, July 23 at 5pm. Service to follow.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks instead that those who wish to contribute

make donations to one of the following: Millard V. and Ruth Young Memorial Scholarship Fund (Jacksonville State University); Piedmont Historical Society; or the Piedmont Church of Christ.

In memory of one of their biggest fans and supporters: GO PIEDMONT BULLDOGS and GO GAMECOCKS!

As mandated by the State of Alabama health officials, Covid 19 precautions will be enforced. Masks are required and social distancing of six feet will apply.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL **23**. 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Thompson Funeral Home & Crematory  
6340 Old Piedmont-Gadsden Hwy  
Piedmont, AL 36272  
(256) 447-7113  
<https://www.thompsonfuneralhomepiedmont.com>

## Memorial Service

JUL **23**. 7:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

ML

“ I met Millard 42 years ago when our company started doing business with him. For the first 10+ years of our business relationship I developed an admiration for his knowledge and integrity. That respect grew into a very special friendship that continued to grow over years of shared Industry and organization activities. Millard had a deep love for his family, and he shared many Family times with me and Marlene That made us feel like family to Ann and all the children. Millard made many life time contributions to both industry and community organizations that will have a lasting impact on many others. He was a giant man with a big heart that will be remembered.... but not forgotten.

Marlin Larson - July 27, 2020 at 10:10 PM

MM

“ Bonita and I are out of town but want to send our thoughts and prayers to Ann and the family. Young family has been a big part of our lives. He will be missed by all of piedmont

morris and bonita minton - July 23, 2020 at 12:58 PM

JW

“ Lisa and I are in Orange Beach. We offer our condolences and prayers for the family. Mr Young was a very special man who was the patriarch of a special family.  
John Wilson



John Wilson - July 23, 2020 at 10:53 AM



“ *Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 23, 2020 at 09:45 AM



“ *Very sorry to hear this. My thoughts are with the family.*

**Vickie Tolbert** - July 23, 2020 at 07:28 AM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 22, 2020 at 10:47 PM



“ *Garry and Lisa Robbins purchased the Blue & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



**Garry and Lisa Robbins** - July 22, 2020 at 09:01 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White* was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..



July 22, 2020 at 08:33 PM



“ *Tony Young lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



**Tony Young** - July 22, 2020 at 07:32 PM



*He got me an interview after I graduated college and was a great influence to me. You will be missed! Love you!!!!!!*

**Tony Young** - July 22, 2020 at 07:37 PM



“ *Multicolor Pastel Sympathy Basket* was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..



July 22, 2020 at 07:04 PM



“ *White Standing Wreath was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 22, 2020 at 05:30 PM



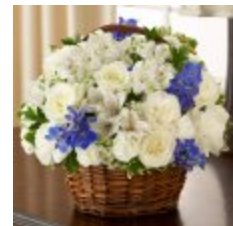
“ *Springtime Wishes was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 22, 2020 at 05:21 PM



“ *Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 22, 2020 at 05:09 PM



“ *Ann, so sorry for your loss. My dad, Wesley, knew the Youngs in Lineville and enjoyed trading with them here. I have good memories of the truck stop years! Janice and Bill Knight*

**William Knight** - July 22, 2020 at 03:51 PM

RW

“ *RONDA K WADSWORTH lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



RONDA K WADSWORTH - July 22, 2020 at 12:09 PM

FH

“ *We are saddened to hear about Mr. Young's passing. Please know that each of you are in our prayers for comfort and strength during this sad time, especially Mrs. Young.*  
*Fayne Love Howle/Sharlene Love*

fayne love howle - July 22, 2020 at 09:42 AM

FG

“ *I will always remember how kind he was to our family. He was so good to Doug. Even though we all knew Doug was not able to work. Millard and his son's knew how much it would hurt Doug when he couldn't work. Also paying my insurance after Doug passed. It was a pleasure knowing Millard Young.*

Felicia Goss - July 22, 2020 at 08:34 AM

RP

*He gave to so many of our friends & neighbors. He made a Positive impact on many Alabama communities.*

Rodney Pollard - July 22, 2020 at 08:46 AM

KS

“ *He will be missed by many he and his family have contributed a lot to Piedmont!!*

Kim and Bobby Smith - July 22, 2020 at 02:12 AM

KS

“ *Kim And Bobby Smith lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



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**Kim and Bobby Smith** - July 22, 2020 at 02:11 AM



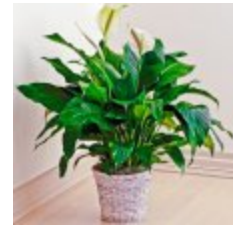
“ *Simply Lily was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



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July 21, 2020 at 11:04 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



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July 21, 2020 at 09:33 PM

 Tracy Stewart

“ *Prayers for Ann and the Young Family. He will be greatly missed.*

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**Tracy Stewart** - July 21, 2020 at 08:56 PM

JS

“ *Janna (Norton) Sutherland lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



Janna (Norton) Sutherland - July 21, 2020 at 08:53 PM



“ *Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



July 21, 2020 at 08:47 PM

EY

“ *Evelyn Young lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



Evelyn Young - July 21, 2020 at 08:25 PM

DJ

“ *Dennis And Joanne Jackson lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



Dennis and Joanne Jackson - July 21, 2020 at 07:34 PM

DJ

“ Our heartfelt sympathy for your family’s loss. My mother in law, Charlsie Mae Jackson loved the Young family and I’m sure she was glad to see him when he passed through Heavens Gates. God Bless you all.

Dennis & Joanne Jackson - July 21, 2020 at 07:32 PM

TS

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you as you move forward. Prayers for peace and comfort. Terry and Delores Smith

Terry & Delores Smith - July 21, 2020 at 07:11 PM



“ Cherished Memories - All White was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..



July 21, 2020 at 07:07 PM

ST

“ Susan Turman sent a virtual gift in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.



Susan Turman - July 21, 2020 at 06:04 PM

MD

“ *Murphy Oil Joey, Kenny, Andrew, Brad and Debby purchased the Multicolor Bright Sympathy Floor Basket for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



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**Murphy Oil Joey, Kenny, Andrew, Brad and Debby** - July 21, 2020 at 05:25 PM



“ *Floor Plant for Sympathy was purchased for the family of Millard Vernon Young Jr..*



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July 21, 2020 at 04:37 PM

TO

“ *Millard was President of the SoutEastern Oil Marketers Association during the time I was Executive Vice President of the organization in the late 1980's. He was one of the best bosses I had in my 35-year career in Association Management -- always thoughtful, caring, imaginative, and easy-going. He will be missed by many in the motor fuel marketing industry nationwide. My condolences to his family and close friends.*

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**Tom Osborne** - July 21, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *Renee Morgan lit a candle in memory of Millard Vernon Young Jr.*



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**Renee Morgan** - July 21, 2020 at 02:59 PM

PC

“ We will always be grateful for Millard's help in getting Tony his first job, after college, with an oil company. I have many fun memories with Millard and Ann. Millard laughed for years about me falling off a barstool and breaking my wrist at his house during a party. Of course I blamed the bartender, who was either Brian or Vernon. RIP Millard. You will be missed by the entire town. You had a big heart and contributed a lot to Piedmont.

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**pam cambron** - July 21, 2020 at 01:04 PM